

SHIP NEWS.

To enlighten such benighted souls, let us ask them to look at the list of whale ships on this sheet, belonging to New Bedford alone, two hundred and fifty-four in number, let them multiply that number by \$20,000, which is perhaps less than their average value as they sail, with outfits, upon their voyages, and they will get in this way a rough approximation of the capital embarked in that business. Allow twenty-five men to a ship, and you have an aggregate of seamen in this port alone of 6,350. Let them make the same calculations upon the other ships of the United States on our list, and they will find a grand total of capital and seamen employed in this business which will be only one of the many more important branches of business in which this country has yet embarked.

Second—as to the whale ships. It is equally common to hear certain persons speak in disparaging terms of whale ships as of an inferior class, and kept in an uncomfortable and filthy condition. Look at the tonnage of the New Bedford list, and they may probably be taken as a fair sample of the whole. They range in the trade, they run from about 300 to 500 tons, and challenge the world to produce an equal number of ships of better quality or in better condition. As a portion of them are built of iron, as metal and timber can make them, and

FRENCH WHALE SHIP GANGE.—The schooner *Emilia*, from Koloa on Wednesday, brings the report that the *Gange*, hence off Hanalei, was struck by lightning, two men killed and spars damaged.

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stalling how long old Boreas might conclude to prolong his nap. We were close in to Waipio Valley, where it seems the *aupuni* possesses certain fruitful lands. A boat was despatched ashore with orders to the King's agent for the best his farm produced. While I was gone the

✂ The Consul of France and family sailed for Hanalei, in the French ship *Gange*, on the 23d, leaving his clerk, M. Wirt, in charge of his Consulate.

She has 43 passengers. Reports the Alexander to arrive here, in January, with a cargo of fish, lumber, &c. Provisions were abundant at Kamtschatka, but high, being furnished from Ochotsk

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